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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

In short: They are claiming that residential consumers (thats you!) will not be affected, because there are no carriers (thats Sonic!) who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

USTelecoms claim is false. Sonic residential subscribers do exist, and our members would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; continued access to UNE services is a key part of our business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members.

Today, one third of you are using our fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, we wont be able to compete on an even footing. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of our fiber networks.

What does all this mean for me?

A competitive market ensures that consumers (like you) will have access to better prices. Incumbent carriers want to change that, and limit your access to choose the best possible service at the best possible price (like Sonic). This also means we would be limited in our ability to deploy more fiber; essentially, we would be hindered from providing our customers with the most innovative services out there.

So, as a residential Sonic customer, you will be materially affected if this petition is granted

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